

## Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service  
 9:00 Facebook Video  
 10:10 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

10:00 Worship Service  
 Fellowship Sunday

**Monday, Oct. 2**

1:00 Prayers & Squares  
 6:00 Griefshare

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**

8:00 Home School  
 1:00 Staff Meeting  
 1:00 Blood Drive

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

**Thursday, Oct. 5**

12:00 Mission Ministry

**Friday, Oct. 6**

7:30 BHS Football Bkfst

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

10:00 New Members Class

**Monday, Oct. 9**

10:00 Ladies Circle 1  
 6:00 Ladies Circle 2

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 5:30 Soup Kitchen  
 5:30 SPF Ministry

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

**Friday, Oct. 13**

7:30 BHS Football Bkfst  
 4:00 BHS Cross Country

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

10:00 New Members Class  
 10:45 Congregational  
 Meeting to Elect Officers

**Monday, Oct. 16**

1:00 Prayers & Squares  
 3:00 Visitation Ministry  
 6:00 Session Meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 17**

8:00 Home School  
 1:00 Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, Oct. 18**

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

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## A Note from Our Pastor

### “Investing in Transformation”

is our theme for the Stewardship Campaign this year.

Take a moment to think about all the things in which we invest. Of course, our minds almost immediately go to money. We invest our finances, but we also, invest our time. Think about the movies, shows, and news we watch, the books we read, and the sports teams we support. When we participate in these things, we are investing our time. And lastly, think about the way we invest our skills and abilities. Usually, these are poured into our hobbies, our work, and volunteering, but sometimes our skills and abilities sit idly by, waiting to be used. Now, take all of that—what people call our treasure, our time, and our talent—and ask *how much of that is going toward transformation in the world?* That’s what we’re asking this stewardship season.

### How am I partnering with Jesus to invest in the transformation of the world?

Recently, I was reading about the “success” of the early church (yes, yes, “the true measure is not success, but *faithfulness*” – special thanks to Mother Teresa for that insight), and I was struck by the following quotation,

“[In the first century,] Christianity seems to have succeeded because it transformed the lives of people in a chaotic world. As our world grows more chaotic by the day, think about what it would mean if Christianity was known for transforming people's lives.”



I’m no historian, but our world seems at least as chaotic now as it was in the first century. What if we were known for transforming lives? What if FPC was so committed to the work of Jesus in the world that we invested everything—treasure, time, and talent—into the kingdom of God and the transforming work that Jesus is doing.

Here’s our schedule as we lean into this theme:

**Sunday, October 15 – The Widow’s Offering.** We will look at the passage about the widow’s offering. As we continue in the Gospel of Luke, we’ll study her example of investing all that she has.

**Sunday, October 22 – Fuller Formation Group Testimonies.** You will get to hear from our Fuller Formation Group participants. Our elders and deacons will share their stories of how Fuller Formation has been opportunity to invest in their own transformation—shaping them into whole-person (“UP, IN, OUT”) followers of Jesus.

**Sunday, October 29 – Pledge Sunday.** You will be able to submit and dedicate your 2024 pledge to the mission and ministry of FPC. The pledge cards are attached in this issue.

The Spirit is clearly moving in our church. Jesus is up to something, and I’m excited about the opportunities before us to invest in Christ’s transforming work.

See you Sunday, Pastor Timothy

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**Thursday, Oct. 19**

11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

**Friday, Oct. 20**

7:30 BHS Football Bkfst.

**Sunday, Oct. 22**

10:00 New Members Class

**Tuesday, Oct. 24**

8:00 Home School

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Soup Kitchen

6:30 Healing Farms Banquet

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Youth

**Friday, Oct. 27**

7:30 BHS Football Bkfst.

**Sunday, Oct. 29**

10:00 New Members Class

Pledge Dedication Sunday

**Tuesday, Oct. 31**

8:00 Home School

1:00 Staff Meeting



Maya, Caroline, and Peter are here to remind everyone that worship will be at 10 a.m. this Sunday (October 1) and lunch to follow. We love partnering with Healing Farms! Thanks for putting up our sign. Spread the word.

**“Come and See...” Inquirers and New Member Class**

Pastor Timothy will be leading a class in the library for those who are interested in learning more about our church and who may be interested in joining FPC. We will meet in the Library on Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29 with an opportunity to join the church in November if you like. Email Pastor Timothy at [tscoonover@gmail.com](mailto:tscoonover@gmail.com) for more information.



## Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, September 18, the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with devotion and prayer led by Elder Don Brown
- Approved the Minutes from the August Session meeting
- Received report from the Officer Nominating Committee and called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 15 at 10:45am
- Discussed the progress of Fuller Formation Groups and the upcoming transition to a second year of participation open to the entire congregation
- Received Ministry Team Reports: Healing Farms Banquet on October 24; Stewardship Pledge Dedication on October 29; Abide Retreat November 3; Prayers and Squares Welcomed 8 new members; Fellowship Sunday (10am worship) on October 1 and November 5
- Received report from Elder Rin Page and Pastor Scoonover on the recent presbytery meeting at Aimwell Presbyterian Church
- Received update from the Pastor about upcoming continuing education – “Discipleship is Not a Program” Cohort (October 2023 – October 2024)
- Adjourned the meeting with prayer

Our next Session meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 16



**Pledge card and envelope  
will be inserted in the copy you  
receive in the mail.**

## **“Investing in Transformation”**

### **Stewardship Pledge Card**

**Attached is a pledge card for 2024 and an envelope to insert your pledge.  
Please fill out the card, make sure to include your name and your pledge.**

**Place your card in the offering plate or mail to the church.**

**You can also call Sally at 843-761-8469 and she will fill out a pledge card for you.**

**Cards need to be at the church by Sunday, October 29, for dedication.**

**You can also leave them on Sally’s desk.**

**Cards will also be available at the church.**

**If you have any questions, give Sally a call at 843-761-8469.**

## **Dedication Sunday, October 29**

**Pledge cards are attached and are also available at the church. Please complete one for yourself or your family and return them to the church for Dedication Sunday, Oct. 29.**

**At that time, we will consecrate our commitments to God.**



**American  
Red Cross  
Blood  
Drive**

**Save a Life, Give Blood**

**FPC Blood Drive  
Tuesday, October 3  
1 p.m.-6 p.m. in the  
Gymnasium**

Contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149  
to schedule an appointment  
or for more information.  
Walk-ins are always welcome.



GRIEF SHARE

**SURVIVING  
THE HOLIDAYS**

**Saturday, November 18th  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

The holiday season can be especially painful. This might be the first holiday after your loved one's death, or maybe it's the second, third, or beyond. This is a seminar that will help you navigate the holidays and discover reasons to enjoy them again. It's not just for those who have been attending our GriefShare workshops. It's open to anyone that would like to attend. You will receive tools that will enable you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance. For more information, contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or [chatkins17@yahoo.com](mailto:chatkins17@yahoo.com). If you know someone who is grieving, tell them about this seminar.

## Abide Retreat

**When:** Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

**Where:** Grounds of Mepkin Abbey

**Who:** All are welcome

**Why (for what purpose):** To *abide* in God's Word

An invitation to carve out time in our busy schedules to read and meditate on scripture together and to spend time in silence and solitude walking the grounds of Mepkin Abbey listening for God's voice.

Contact Angeline Brock for more information or to let her know you want to participate.

Bring a bag lunch.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

A reminder that we will again participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in November. While school supplies are on sale, this is a good time to get pencils, erasers, colored pencils and sharpeners for all aged children. It's never too early to start thinking about this ministry and start shopping for items to put in your shoebox. See the table outside the church office for more information and to get a box.



## Welcome Pre-Schoolers

All pre-schoolers are still meeting in the large nursery room. We are studying The Fruit of the Spirit this quarter. After Love, Joy, Peace and Patience in September, we will study the others in October and November. We learn by studying people from the Bible who show us how to live the way God wants us to. We hope your pre-schooler will be with us!

In the love of Christ, JoAnn Bryant, Teacher

The poster for the "Believe - in - Possibility" Fundraising Banquet has a dark background with a close-up of golden grass blades in the top right and bottom left corners. The title "Believe - in - Possibility" is written in a large, elegant, light-colored script font. Below it, "FUNDRAISING BANQUET" is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. To the right, the date and time are listed: "Tuesday OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM". Below that, "Doors Open at 6:00 pm" is written in a script font. At the bottom right, "The College Center" is written in a script font, with "TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE NORTH CHARLESTON, SC" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font below it. On the left side, the text "JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES." is written in a small, all-caps, sans-serif font.

*Believe*  
*- in -*  
*Possibility*  
FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Tuesday  
OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

*The College Center*  
TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES  
OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

This is the Healing Farms Fundraising Banquet. Chris Norton is the guest speaker and Chris knows what it's like to face adversity head-on. After suffering a spinal cord injury during a college football game, he was given a 3% chance to ever move his body below the neck. Miraculously, he defied the odds, walking across the stage during his college graduation and down the aisle of his own wedding. Chris is a world-class speaker, author, and dad of 6 (sometimes more).

For more information go to [healingfarms.com](http://healingfarms.com) and then events.

There's a sign-up sheet in the atrium if you are interested in attending.



**Habitat**  
**for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
of Berkeley County

## Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 6

**Golfing FORE! A Better Future**, Friday, October 6 at Berkeley Country Club. 11 a.m. Shotgun start. Contact Dawn at [dawn@berkeleyhabitat.org](mailto:dawn@berkeleyhabitat.org) to get involved. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.



**It's a Baby Boy**—Congratulations to John and Melissa Williams on the birth of their son, John Owens Williams III. Baby John was born on Tuesday, September 12. Welcome to our family little one.

*Dear Cooks of the Presbyterian Church,  
You mean so much—not only for being the warm-hearted people you are, but also for the generous way you share your time and talents with others. Thank you for your time for the meals delivered every other week for the year. The food always tastes better when someone else makes it.*

*Debra Berger, Bonneau, South Carolina*

*(Debra is a recipient of meals cooked by our Soup Kitchen Ministry.)*

*Dear Church Family,  
I can't begin to tell you how much all of your prayers, cards, meals, and well wishes have meant to me over this 9 year cancer ordeal. I love my Prayers and Squares Quilt. It is so very special to me because of all the prayer knots you tied for me, and it is especially precious to me because our daughter, Carrie Knight, started the Prayers and Squares quilt program before her death in 2016. I will cherish it and all of you forever. I also want to give a special thanks to my friend, Ann Williams, who has brought me custard almost every week. She is a wonderful Christian and special friend. Thursday, the 31st, I start a new journey of reconstructive surgeries and knowing your prayers are with me give me the strength I need to face these. We are so very fortunate to belong to the wonderful church family of Moncks Corner First Presbyterian Church.*

*We love all of you very much, Ann Hodges*



### October Birthdays

- 2 Jean Hodges
- 2 Philip Mims
- 2 Eva Mouw
- 2 Renee Tedder
- 3 Delilah Faas
- 4 Sandy Fairman
- 4 Kayla Soderberg
- 5 Nancy Holcombe
- 7 LaNelle Riley
- 7 Emma Shuler
- 7 Ethan Shuler
- 7 Emma Williams
- 8 Deneene Guerry
- 8 Connor Thornton
- 10 Riley Orvin
- 11 Caroline Raven
- 13 Timothy Scoonover
- 15 Becky Devereux
- 15 Kim Mims
- 16 Diane Baughn
- 17 Kim Brewer
- 19 Steve Roberts
- 20 Peggy Bennett
- 23 Grant Lusk
- 23 Pamela Williams Hulst
- 24 Laurie Carter
- 24 William Murray
- 26 Marie Dunlap
- 26 Jim Hastings
- 26 Richard Keene
- 27 Denise Howman
- 28 Diane Serafino



### Ladies Circles Meet on Monday, Oct. 9

All women of the church are invited and welcome. This is a time of fellowship, Bible study and making new friends. Circles meet once a month on the 2nd Monday.

**Circle 1** will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Marie Hyman, 185 Waterfront Dr., Moncks Corner. Give Marie a call at 843-693-0296 for more information and directions.

**Circle 2** will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Mary Nettles at 1912 Pinopolis Rd., Pinopolis. Call Mary for more information and directions at 843-830-0423.

### Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon



All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to

make new friends. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	\$495,184.00
	<u>Sept. 24</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 9,131.20	\$ 372,941.38
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 9,522.76	\$ 372,407.64

# October 2023

# First Presbyterian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>communion</i> <b>Fellowship Sunday and Dinner</b> <i>10:00 Service Only</i>	2 1:00 Prayers & Squares 6:00 GriefShare	3 8:00—3:30 Home School Co-op 1:00 Staff Meeting 	4 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	5 12:00 Mission Ministry	6 7:30 Berkeley HS Football Breakfast 11:00 Bible Study <b>Habitat For Humanity Golf Tournament</b>	7
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<b>Timothy Continuing Education</b>						
<b>Sally Vacation</b>						
22 10:00 New Members Class	23	24 8:00—3:30 Home School Co-op 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen <b>6:30 Healing Farms Banquet</b>	25 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	26	27 7:30 Berkeley HS Football Breakfast 11:00 Bible Study	28
<b>Angeline Vacation</b>						
29 10:00 New Members Class <b>Pledge Dedication Sunday</b> Angeline Vacation	30	31 8:30 Home School 1:00 Staff Meeting				
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service</p>						



## All Saints Day Service Sunday, Nov. 5

As part of our morning worship the church will hold an All Saints Day Service on November 5.

An All Saints Day Service is a time when we remember and honor loved ones who have gone before us and have joined the Church triumphant through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The service will honor church members and/or those in their immediate family who've passed away between November 1, 2022 and Oct. 31, 2023. The names of the loved ones will be read during a special moment in the service. After the reading of each name, the church bell will chime.

To include the name of the church member or their immediate family member in the All Saints Day Service, please complete the form in the church atrium. Forms can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office no later than 4 p.m. on November 1, 2023. You can also call Sally at the church office and she will fill one out for you.

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**Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God,  
IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**